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Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Divine blessing has come to us in forms of bounty, mercy and peace. The year draws toward a close with the horn of plenty pouring its riches at our feet. In every section of our State there is abundance to satisfy bodily and physical needs, and on every side there is a wealth of opportunity for a larger intellectual life and a deepened moral culture. While foreign nations struggle in death-grips, and face despair, depopulation and famine, our people are still prosperous and full of hope. We need to be thankful for a great past, a happy present, and the faith of our fathers which points to a glorious future. Men everywhere among us have shown a quickened interest in the common weal, and true-hearted standard-bearers of the truth are to be found in our schools, in civic life, and in public affairs. The spirit of altruism has grown and the public conscience has been awakened. Never in the history of the State have there been higher standards of honor for manhood, of purity for womanhood, and of training for children. Never has the hand of strength been so tenderly extended toward the weak and unfortunate. For all of these blessings, of harvest and of heart, it is our bounden duty to express our gratitude to Almighty God, and as a people to declare our devotion to Him as a loving Heavenly Father.

Now, therefore, I, H. C. Stuart, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, do designate and appoint Thursday, November 25, 1915, Thanksgiving Day, and do hereby request that all our people, abstaining from their usual occupations on that day, observe it as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, joining in public and private worship of Almighty God, thanking Him for all of His mercies and benefits, and entreating Him for continued guidance and blessing, not forgetting a petition for the welfare of the unhappy people of the lands beyond the seas.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed, in Richmond, this the tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and fortieth.

H. C. STUART,
By the Governor:
B. O. JAMES,
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Horne-Sheppard.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 17.—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sheppard, on Summit street, yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock, their youngest daughter, Miss Kate Shore Sheppard, was married to Caleb Horne, of Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, Rev. Henry Teller Coker, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, performed the ceremony.

After the marriage an informal reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Horne left for Asheville, where their honeymoon will be spent. Later they will reside in Buenos Ayres, where Mr. Horne represents the Stone Gap Coke and Coal Company of Big Stone Gap, Va.

The bride is one of Winston-Salem's most popular girls. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Horne, of Rocky Mount.—High Point (N. C.) Enterprise.

Orders Out-houses Built.

Joins In Campaign For Improved Sanitation In Russell County.

Lebanon, Va., Nov. 18.—As a fitting climax to the sanitary campaign which has been in progress for three months in Russell County, and as a contribution to the cause of better health, Governor Henry Carter Stuart has just given orders that sanitary outhouses be installed in all the tenants' houses on his Elk Garden estate.

Officers of the State Board of Health, who have been working in the county in co-operation with the National Health Commission have been cordially received by the people of Russell and have been given general co-operation, and are generally elated that the foremost citizens of the county and the chief executive of the Commonwealth should have given in this striking manner his endorsement of modern methods in the prevention of disease.

The sanitary campaign was undertaken with the encouragement and financial support of the board of supervisors of the county. Dr. John Collinson, who has been in charge, and his assistant, have visited scores of farms in the county, have examined the sanitary needs of each and have recommended such improvements as were deemed necessary for the health of each family. As a result, proper methods of sewage disposal have been installed and many excellent sanitary outhouses have been built. With the great Elk Garden estate to be provided with such outhouses, health officers feel that the work in Russell County has been most successful and that typhoid and other filth-borne diseases will be greatly reduced in the county.

Dr. John Collinson, director of the local campaign, left Sunday night for Richmond, whence he is to proceed to Hanover County to begin there a campaign similar to that undertaken in Russell.

Defense Day.

Monday, December 6th, the opening day of Congress, has been named by the Defense Society as "Defense Day" throughout the United States—the most timely occasion for holding mass meetings and addressing letters and telegrams to Congress on behalf of better national defense.

In case there is an earlier meeting of Congress the opening day will then be chosen for "American Defense Day."

In order to make the occasion an impressive one, the American Defense Society has requested the co-operation of the Boards of Trade of the various cities, asking that they designate this day as a Flag Day on which day all citizens who are in favor of a greater national defense are urgently requested to show such belief by hanging out flags at every house.

At the same time the American Defense Society is distributing a card appeal to be signed by voters and sent to their respective Congressmen and Senators, urging action at the next session of Congress in favor of adequate national defense. Cards may be had upon request at the National Headquarters of the American Defense Society, 303 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

"Safe Farming"

Outline of a Program Recommended by Government Specialists to Secure Safety in the Cotton Belt.

A program of "safe farming" for the South is outlined in a circular which the United States Department of Agriculture has sent to bankers, business men and farmers in the cotton States. The history of agriculture in the South, it is said, has been one of lean years and fat years. Short crops and high prices have almost invariably been followed by big crops and low prices and, in consequence, the farmer has experienced much distress. The increased attention which has recently been given to supporting the people upon the land has already resulted in much good, but there is some danger, it is pointed out, that with the price of cotton rising there will be a tendency for farmers to return to the old system of gambling on cotton. If the people of the South produced their own living, the circular points out, it would steady the whole system and keep the boat from rocking. The safety measures recommended are as follows:

First—Produce a home garden for every family on the farm, the year round, paying special attention to a plot of Irish or sweet potatoes sufficient to supply the family with food of this character. Where feasible, have a patch of sorghum or other cane to produce sirup for the family.

Second—Produce the corn necessary to support all of the people on the farm and the live stock, with absolute safety.

Third—Produce the necessary oats and other small grain to supplement the corn as food. Pay attention to winter grazing.

Fourth—Produce hay and forage from some forage crop, sufficient to supply all of the live stock on the farm. Use legumes such as clover, velvet beans, soy beans and alfalfa for the production of hay and to enrich the soil with nitrogen and humus.

Fifth—Produce the meat necessary to supply the people through increased attention to poultry and hogs especially. Plan to increase gradually the number of cattle and other live stock, so as to have a sufficient number to consume the waste products of the farm and make the waste lands productive.

Sixth—After all of these things have been amply provided for, produce cotton for the market.



WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS
One Month More and Santa Comes! Buy Your Gifts Early!

Lucille Taylor Celebrates Her Birthday at "Grandma Mathews."

Irma Lucille Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Taylor, was given a very pretty party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mathews, Saturday, November 20, from 3 to 5 o'clock, in honor of her seventh birthday.

About thirty-five of Lucille's little friends were present and the time was spent in playing such games as "Thimble", "London Bridge" and "Pinning On the Donkey's Tail". Little Mary Louise Doak won the prize in the "Donkey" game—a book.

At 4:30 Miss Dougherty went to the piano and played a march, the little ones marching in twos to the prettily decorated dining room. The table cloth was of white crepe paper, with a border of pink sunbonnet girls; pink and white streamers reached from chandelier to corners of the table, and on the table were large candelabra with pink candles, a pink cake with white candy figures, a white cake with seven pink candles, and six cut glass dishes filled with assorted candies, ice cream, cake and candies were then enjoyed by the children. When all had finished the refreshments, Mrs. Taylor gave each little girl a fancy paper hat as a souvenir of the occasion.

Lucille received many pretty presents, all of which were greatly appreciated, and the children left at 5:30 with wishes for the return of many more happy birthdays.

Those present were: Louise Pettit, Margaret Kelly, Katherine Painter, Frances Sayers, Evelyn Abover, Janet Gilmer, Julia and Josephine McCorkle, Margaret Baker, Hazel Fuller, Elizabeth Pierpont, Mildred Barron, Leola Hamblen, Frankie Witt, Katherine Barrie, Adelaide Winston, Edith Gibson, Mary Louise Doak, Margaret Taylor, Elizabeth Morton, Margaret Catron, Grace Mahaffey, Mildred and Margaret Wolfe, Louise Nickels, Frances Dougherty, Roma McKewen, Virginia Owens, Elsie Wells, Gilberta Knight, Katherine Barron, Louise Cox, Henrietta Lane, James Miller Smith, George Rogers and Ed Taylor, Margaret Carnes, Mayre Dougherty, Mrs. H. L. Lane, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mrs. G. T. Bogard, Mrs. W. W. Taylor, Mrs. D. P. Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Taylor, and Mrs. J. H. Mathews.

Golf Notes.

The members of the Mountain Golf Club have received an invitation from the Bristol Country Club for a tournament to be played the last of the week. The following clipping appeared in the Sunday Courier. It is expected that quite a number of the members of the Mountain Golf Club will accept the invitation and go over Friday:

Thanksgiving week promises to be one of the gayest of the season at the Country Club of Bristol, and much of the social activity of the city will center there. There will be quite a number of prominent visitors, both ladies and gentlemen, here to attend the golf tournament and the auction bridge tournament. The festivities will open on Thanksgiving and the program for that day and the remainder of the week will be carried out as follows:

Thanksgiving Day November 25—All day handicap golf tournament, ladies and gentlemen; open to members of any organized golf club. Prize, golf club or its equivalent. Informal supper at the club house for members and out of town guests.

Friday, November 27—Big Stone Gap vs. Bristol, ladies' duplicate auction bridge tournament. Eight ladies on each team.

Friday night—Dance at the club house for members and out of town guests.

Saturday, November 27—Big Stone Gap vs. Bristol, golf team match. Four ladies and ten gentlemen on each team.

Saturday afternoon—Ladies' Country Club Bridge Club.

Fine Grass Specimens.

J. P. Stidham, a prosperous farmer living in the valley above East Stone Gap, exhibited here on last Saturday some fine specimens of grasses and oats raised on his farm this year. A few years ago, when Mr. Stidham purchased his farm, it was not very productive, but by a system of crop rotation, and abundance of green crops turned under, he has got his land in a high state of cultivation. Among the exhibits here are Winter Turf Oats, 62 1/2 inches in length; Rough Stock Velvet Grass, 41 inches; Fall Meadow Oat Grass, 59 inches; Orchard Grass, 65 inches; and Harry, or Winter Vetch, 81 inches.

The lands of Wise County are especially adapted to grasses of all kinds, as well as farm products of all kinds. Some of the best fruit in Southwest Virginia are grown in this county, as was evidenced by the fine exhibits at the Wise County Fair.

BUSINESS IMPROVING.

Keokee, Va., Nov. 18.—Business at this place has doubled the past thirty days.

The Wilson and old No. 2 mines have been opened up.

Mine Superintendent R. B. Gibson has been promoted to a more important position. Owing to scarcity of labor in the coal fields, the company is bringing a great many negroes from Georgia and Alabama to work.

Military.

At the squad drill of Company "H" Friday night special prizes were offered for the first, second and third best shots. The following was the score of those shooting: Capt. Bullitt, 61; Lieut. McFerran, 59; Mayo Cabell, 59; Ayers, 54; Wax, 52; Tucker, 50; G. T. Orender, 50; Sergeant Stoehr, 42; Sergeant Peck, 55.

Wax and Orender shot off the tie, Orender winning second place by a score of 21 against Wax's 22.

Brolier and Reiniche present "Virginia" by A. E. Reiniche. The play has as its foundation, the kidnapping of a little girl baby, out of which grows naturally and inevitably the episodes and entanglements which combine to make the plot. Ruth Williams is, by virtue of her relations with them both, so involved in their interests as to become the central figure of the story. Richard's rather passionate nature leads him into mistakes which brings him the most serious consequences, though he is by no means the sort of a man whose conduct can be made the subject of reprobation when he thinks he is doing right, for what he does is for his mother. The villain of the play is personated by Ruth's brother Alanzo Maxie, at first a mysterious individual, but who afterwards turns out to be rather a common kind of criminal. The play is entertaining, and well told, pure, sweet, an idyll of loyalty of love thrilled through and through with the tender grace of a day that is dead. All who desire to see a first class production, presented in a first class manner, should not fail to see "Virginia" on Thursday Nov. 25th, at the Amuzu.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Nine Reasons Why You Should Buy At Home.

1—Your home merchant can duplicate the prices made by any responsible firm anywhere on goods of the same quality, in the same quantities and on the same basis of delivery and payment.

2—You can examine your purchase in home stores and be assured of satisfaction before investing your money.

3—Your home merchants are always ready and willing to make right any error or any defective article purchased.

4—Your home merchant helps support, through direct or indirect taxation, your schools, churches, libraries and other public institutions.

5—Your home merchants help to make a good local market for everything you have to sell, and that market more than any other factor gives your land its present value.

6—Your home merchants are your friends, ever ready to extend a helping hand in time of need.

7—If this community is good enough for you to live in and make money in, it is good enough to spend it in.

8—The best citizens in this community are those who believe in and practice home patronage. Be one of the best.

9—Merchants in the distant cities give you nothing valuable that the home merchant cannot give you, and the former cannot and will not do for you many things the latter will do gladly. Every dollar kept in circulation in this community helps increase property values.

Approximately \$175,000 was paid out by The Elkhorn Mining Corporation and the Consolidation Coal Company in the Jenkins-McRoberts-Fleming-Haymond coal fields in this county in Saturday's pay day and the pay days come twice a month, which means a total of \$350,000 a month. This will be largely increased, it is said, within the next thirty days, according to officials of the companies. Mining activity is constantly picking up all over the big coal fields of this section.—Lexington Leader.

The Colonial Coal and Coke Company is now starting up and everything is on a boom.

There are about 400 workmen and they are calling for all the men they can get.—Wise Virginian.

Carthage Woman Tells Happy Story.

Mrs. Laura Duke of Carthage, Tenn., was a victim of stomach disorders for several years. She lost appetite and her weight fell off. She could not rest at night.

She took Mayr's Wonderful Remedy—just a few doses—and found herself restored.

In fact, Mrs. Duke's recovery was so rapid she was afraid that it could only be temporary. So she waited from September, when she took the remedy, until the following February to pass judgment. Then she wrote:

"I write you in regard to your wonderful stomach remedy that I took last September. I feel better than I have in five years. My weight was 127 1/2 pounds; now it is 147 1/2, and I can eat anything I want. I would have written before, but I wanted to see how I got along."

Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.—adv.